

**Informal Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Meeting Scheduled Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Maricopa County, Arizona
(and the Boards of Directors of the Flood Control District,
Library District, Stadium District, Improvement Districts,
and/or Board of Deposit)**



"The mission of Maricopa County is to provide regional leadership and fiscally responsible, necessary public services to its residents so they can enjoy living in healthy and safe communities"

Board Members

Andrew Kunasek, District 3, Chairman
Max Wilson, District 4, Vice Chairman
Fulton Brock, District 1
Don Stapley, District 2
Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5

County Manager

David Smith

Clerk of the Board

Fran McCarroll

Meeting Location

Supervisors' Auditorium
205 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85003

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County Arizona convened in Informal Session at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in the Supervisors Auditorium with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Fulton Brock, Supervisor District 1; Don Stapley, Supervisor, District 2; Max Wilson, Supervisor, District 4 and Mary Rose Wilcox, Supervisor, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Liz Evans, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager and Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced that item 6 would be considered first followed by items 1 through 7 as listed below.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

6. 2008 GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-214, acknowledge receipt of the Governor's Official Proclamation of the 2008 General Election and direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a copy of the Proclamation, in English and Spanish, in an official newspaper at least ten days before the General Election. (C-06-09-140-7-00)

Motion to approve by: Supervisor Stapley, Seconded by: Supervisor Wilcox
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

PRESENTATION

Animal Care & Control

1. 2008 HEMMY AWARD

Presentation regarding the 2008 Hemmy Award presented by the Arizona Public Health Association to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control September 17, 2008 for their public

education novelette "My Friend Toby – Dog Bites / Mi Amigo Toby – Mordidas de Perros". In addition, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control requests the Board of Supervisors recognize SCF Arizona of Phoenix, AZ for their printing of the novelettes at no cost for distribution to school age children and public events.

Dr. Rodrigo Silva, Assistant County Manager

Aprille Hollis, Public Information Officer (C-79-09-029-P-00)

Dr. Rodrigo Silva announced that Animal Care and Control received the Hemmy Award from the Arizona Public Health Association for a comic book produced in conjunction with SCF Arizona. The comic book educates children and adults about how to avoid and protect against dog bites. Dr. Silva acknowledged SCF Arizona for producing the novelettes, in both English and Spanish, at no cost to taxpayers.

Employee Health Initiatives

2. EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Present the following employees, who have provided 30 or more years of public service to Maricopa County, with service award plaques: (C-35-09-002-9-00)

30 Years of Service

Name	Department	Length of Service
Mary K. Tripson	Adult Probation	30 Years, August 15, 1978
John A. Power	Environmental Services	30 Years, August 21, 1978
Daniel C. Molina	Transportation	30 Years, August 22, 1978
Francisco C. Urquiza	Transportation	30 Years, August 22, 1978
Alejandro F. Romero	Transportation	30 Years, September 12, 1978
Thomas J. Mazzillo	Public Fiduciary's Office	30 Years, September 18, 1978
Andrea L. Dudley	Public Health	30 Years, September 26, 1978

35 Years of Service

Name	Department	Length of Service
Glenn A. Beeman	Public Health	35 Years, July 1, 1973
Theresa A. Morgan	Transportation	35 Years, August 6, 1973
Barbara Jean Frerichs-Mendoza	Recorder's Office	35 Years, September 20, 1973

Michael Rubino read a short biographical sketch of employees who have provided 30 or more years of public service to Maricopa County. He called each to come forward, with their supervisors and/or department directors, to receive a plaque and congratulations from the Board, honoring their years of service to the citizens of Maricopa County.

Board of Supervisors

3. ENERGY PROGRAM UPDATE

Presentation regarding the Maricopa County Energy Program. Discussion will include an overview of the APS Energy Services energy program and a progress report since the August 20, 2008, award of the Energy Saving Services contract, anticipated milestones, sustainability concepts and directional input from the Board of Supervisors. (C-02-09-001-P-00)

Robert Georgeoff, Managing Director, APS Energy Services

Joe Leichner, Director of Engineering, APS Energy Services

Steve Frost, Maricopa County Account Executive, APS Energy Services

Robert Georgeoff and Steve Frost from APS Energy Services presented an overview of the Energy Partnership with the County. Mr. Georgeoff gave the Board an analysis of the County's current conditions and reviewed the history and timelines associated with the project. He said that the project is now in the survey stage to develop baselines. The goal is to return to the Board in March of 2009 to deliver the technical audit and results.

Supervisor Stapley asked approximately how many County buildings are involved in the project. Mr. Frost identified himself as a registered electrical engineer in addition to being the Senior Project Manager. He replied that there are approximately 135 buildings but that fluctuates based on the acquisition or sale of buildings that may take place during this process.

Supervisor Wilcox commented that it sounds like sustainability really just means reviewing current practices to assess the greatest energy efficiencies. Mr. Georgeoff replied that while energy consumption is a large part of it, sustainability can reach into areas such as procurement practices, recycling practices and human behavior. Supervisor Wilcox asked whether the Court Tower Project is also being evaluated and Mr. Frost confirmed that it is.

Supervisor Stapley asked whether solar opportunities and capturing methane gas from closed landfills would be evaluated as options. Mr. Frost said that several locations are being evaluated for solar feasibility. He said that the Food Factory will be the first area evaluated for the capture of methane gas because the volume should be substantial enough to heat water for the facility. Mr. Frost said that landfills will be evaluated in the second phase of the project and that it was his understanding that the landfills have been designed to capture the gas but feasibility will depend largely around the location of facilities and what kind of volume is available.

Community Development

4. HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT H.R. 3221 - FUNDING ALLOCATION AND REGULATIONS

Presentation regarding the Housing and Economic Recovery Act H.R. 3221 - Funding Allocation and Regulations. County staff will brief the Board on the CDBG-like funding that will be made available to Maricopa County to address the issue of vacant, foreclosed properties in the Urban County. Staff will identify the proposed funding amount; summarize the draft rules for usage of the funding; and provide an update on the actions taken to date to assess the needs and priorities of the Urban County, and identify potential partners. Community Development Advisory Committee recommendations, if any, will also be presented at this meeting. (C-17-09-045-P-00)

Renee Ayres-Benavidez, Community Development Director

Rene Ayres-Benavidez stated that in July 2008, Congress passed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act - H.R. 3221, which provides funding through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) to address the issue of vacant and foreclosed residential homes and properties. Ms. Benavidez said that these funds are similar to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds but are more flexible. Ms. Benavidez went on to give a general overview of the program and stated that the Community Development department would be required to bring the application for funding back to the Board for approval by December 1, 2008 before delivering it to HUD.

Supervisor Wilson asked whether the funds could be used for those facing foreclosure. Ms. Ayres-Benavidez answered that the NSP funds are designated solely for properties that have already been foreclosed and/or abandoned, but the Act does provide funds that will go

directly to non-profit agencies for people in or facing foreclosure.

Ms. Ayres-Benavidez explained that Maricopa County is eligible to receive close to \$10 million but that only equates to about 50 homes, considering the cost of acquisition and rehabilitation. She said that some of the homes that could qualify for acquisition through this program may be in very bad shape and require extensive rehab. Supervisor Wilcox suggested that a "sweat equity" program might be considered in order to make the money go further.

Supervisor Wilcox asked whether some cities will receive their own funding. Ms. Ayres-Benavidez answered by saying that five or six cities within Maricopa County will not receive their own funding and will have to apply for funding with the State. She added that any funds not utilized will revert to the State.

Management and Budget

5. COUNTY FISCAL UPDATE

Presentation regarding the County Fiscal Update, as well as forecasted trends. (C-49-09-027-P-00)

*Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Christopher Bradley, Deputy Budget Director*

Sandi Wilson stated that Elliot Pollack had prepared a new forecast and would be providing an update on the County's fiscal condition. She said the new forecast is not uplifting but is realistic.

Chris Bradley reviewed revenue trends and forecasts. He reported that Sales Tax revenues have shown the biggest decline, followed closely by Vehicle License Tax and Jail Excise Tax revenues.

Ms. Wilson said that based on today's estimates, the budget imbalance could exceed \$70 million, not including likely cost shifts from the State to counties.

Chairman Kunasek and Mr. Smith both commented that, during a recent meeting with the other elected officials, they sensed a real commitment to work together.

6. 2008 GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION

This item was taken out of order and heard prior to item 1.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to convene in Executive Session to consider items on the Executive Agenda dated Tuesday, October 14, 2008, pursuant to statutory authority listed for each item.

Motion to approve by: Supervisor Stapley, Seconded by: Supervisor Brock
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

MEETING ADJOURNED

Following discussion on the above and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board